

House Resolution 614

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 134th, Hanner of the 148th, Hugley of the 133rd, Floyd of the 147th, Richardson of the 19th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring former First Lady Rosalynn Carter; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter has worked for more than three decades to
3 improve the quality of life for people around the world as an advocate for mental health,
4 early childhood immunization, caregiving, and human rights; and

5 WHEREAS, since first serving on the Governor's Commission on Mental Health as First
6 Lady of Georgia, she has provided critical leadership at both the national and international
7 levels addressing the needs of people suffering from mental and emotional disorders; and

8 WHEREAS, as founder and President of the Board of Directors of the Rosalynn Carter
9 Institute for Caregiving at Georgia Southwestern State University, her alma mater in
10 Americus, Georgia, she has brought national attention to efforts to promote the mental health
11 and well-being of individuals, families, and professional caregivers; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout the State of Georgia, the Rosalynn Carter Institute has initiated local
13 CARE-NETs, coalitions of lay and professional caregivers to provide crucial support for
14 caregivers across the lifespan; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1994, Mrs. Carter authored a book entitled Helping Yourself Help Others:
16 A Book for Caregivers; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to her work with the Rosalynn Carter Institute, she serves as vice
18 chair of the Board of Trustees of the Carter Center; and as a full partner with President
19 Jimmy Carter in all of the center's activities, she has worked tirelessly to wage peace, fight
20 disease, and build hope for millions of people in 65 countries around the world.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body honor and commend former First Lady Rosalynn Carter and

1 express their gratitude for her commitment to public service and her contributions to the
2 world.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Rosalynn Carter.